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SUBJECT:U.S. FLAG RESEARCH VESSEL IN TUNISIA

REF: NOSIC 261654Z FEB 77

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM NAVAL OCEAN SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION CENTER, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, REGARDING PROPOSED WORK TO BE DONE BY US GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH VESSEL "SEISMIC SURVEYOR". FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, SHIP ARRIVED AT SFAX YESTERDAY, FEBRUARY 27. ACCORDING TO SOURCE IN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, VESSEL HIRED BY SHELL OIL COMPANY TO CARRY OUT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION WORK. SHELL SHARES IN TWO TUNISIAN PERMIT AREAS. THE FIRST INCLUDES COORDINATES GIVEN REFTTEL, WHICH, AS STATED, ARE ABOUT 50 KMS NORTH OF ITALIAN RIG OVER WHICH LIBYA AND TUNISIA DISPUTING. THIS PERMIT SHARED BY SHELL WITH AGIP, AMOCO AND TOTAL. SECOND PERMIT AREA IS TO NORTH, OFF PANTELLERIA. THIS PERMIT SHARED BY SHELL WITH AGIP. ACCORDING OUR

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INFORMATION SHIP WILL BE WORKING IN THIS SECOND AREA, WHICH NOT NEAR AREA IN DISPUTE WITH LIBYA. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY CAPTAIN OF VESSEL OR HIS EMPLOYERS REGARDING THEIR PLANS.
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